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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the restriction requirement dated May 15, 2007.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.